

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, September 28, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh, C. B. Monday, September 28, 1896. Dear Mabel:

The askew theory turns out to be itself askew! Right yet wrong! Askew — but not in the direction I had anticipated.

This forshadowes an arrangement of wings like this.

This morning tried the comparative merits of aeroplanes.

Solid plano-convex wings

Curved wings

Same sizes and tried under similar conditions. Experiments satisfactory and decisive. The order of efficiency is — (3) the curved wings best; (2) the plano-convex next; and (1) the aeroplanes last.

House here seems like a churchyard without you and Elsie.

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The Engine has arrived. Anxious to see it. It proved to be too large and heavy to be brought over in small boat — so must wait until tomorrow.

Mr. McCurdy and I had a tremendous game of chess tonight. Very equally matched — but he gained in the end — very close shave though.

Sorry you sent Mr. McInnis back — wanted him to help you at Grand Narrows.

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Your loving husband, Alec.